

# Senate District O

## John J. Cowdery, Republican



**DATE OF BIRTH:** 1930  
**PLACE OF BIRTH:** Missouri  
**NAME OF SPOUSE:** Juanita  
**CHILDREN:** Three  
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**OCCUPATION:** Contractor (retired)  
**LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA:** 54 years  
Anchorage 1950-2004  
**EDUCATION:** High School  
**POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:**  
Senate, 4 years: Chairman of Transportation Committee  
& World Trade State Affairs; Chair of Rules and Vice-  
Chair Legislative Council; Member of Judiciary and  
State Affairs; House of Representatives, 6 years;  
Special Projects Manager, Municipality of Anchorage.  
**BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:**  
Built and ran a successful business for 30 years.  
**SPECIAL INTERESTS:**  
Family, Music, Boating, Flying, and Photography.  
**OTHER:**  
I was born in Missouri, educated in California, and  
came to the territory of Alaska in 1950. Juanita and I  
built homes for ourselves, my parents, our children, and

some of you in this district. We recently welcomed the fifth generation of our family to Alaska. I have a business background in finance, economics and engineering. While building our company, we helped build homes, roads, businesses and jobs in the community. I have also built a solid reputation for hard, honest and dependable work.

### STATEMENT:

I have the life and business experience, which has stood as my track record in Alaska for over 50 years. My family is very proud of our Alaskan heritage and history.

I support a spending limit as the critical element and mandatory first step in pursuing future budgetary planning. I helped to fund education at the highest amount ever in history. We have no new taxes, everyone still gets a PFD check, and seniors have a new program and services to assist them.

Vocational Education is key to training our young work force. Alaska has huge opportunities with the oil and gas development that is coming soon. I remain supportive of the industries that create jobs and are committed to educating our young.

I worked tirelessly to lower insurance rates for consumers, and ban the practice of insurance companies looking at credit versus driving record or the location of your home. I am not fearful of taking on big business and my record of tackling issues that protect consumers is proof to that.

Several positive hearings I held on the future Knik Arm Crossing have received wide spread attention. This has led to federal funding so the project can now move forward.

Two years ago I said that I was going to be tough on minors who broke the law. I followed thru with my commitment and passed legislation that increased penalties for minors who drink and drive. I remain passionate about being tough with those who break our laws.

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